

"PIGS IS PIGS"

By Ellis Parker Butler.

Mike Flannery, the Westcote agent of the Interurban Express company, leaned over the counter of the express office and shook his fist. Mr. Morehouse, angry and red, stood on the other side of the counter, trembling with rage. The argument had been long and heated, and at last Mr. Morehouse had talked himself speechless. The cause of the trouble stood on the counter between the two men. It was a soap box covered with the top of which were nailed a number of strips, forming a rough but serviceable cage. In it two spotted guinea pigs were greedily eating lettuce leaves.

"Do as you like, then," shouted Flannery, "pay for them an take them, or don't pay for them and leave them here. Rules is rules. Mister Morehouse, an' Mike Flannery's not goin' to be called down for breakin' of them."

"But, you everlastingly stupid idiot!" shouted Mr. Morehouse, madly shaking a flimsy printed book beneath the agent's nose, "can't you read it here—in your own plain printed rates? 'Pigs, domestic, Franklin to Westcote, 30 cents each.' An' 'Mister Morehouse, be me arithmetical knowledge two times thirty comes to 60 cents.'"

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fifty! Can you understand that? I offer you 50 cents."

Flannery reached for the book. He ran his hand through the pages and stopped at page sixty-four.

"An' I don't take 50 cents," he whispered in mockery. "Here's the rule for ut. 'Whin the agint be in anny doubt regardin' which of two rates applies to a shipmint, he shall charge the larger. The consign-ey may file a claim for the overcharge.' In this case, Mister Morehouse, I be in doubt. Pigs thim animals may be, an' domestic they be, but pigs, I'm blame sure they do be, an' me rules says plain as the nose on yer face, 'Pigs, Franklin to Westcote, 30 cents each.' An' 'Mister Morehouse, be me arithmetical knowledge two times thirty comes to 60 cents.'"

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Mrs. Morehouse jumped, guiltily. She never used ink. She had not seen the ink, nor moved the ink, nor thought of the ink, but her husband's tone convicted her of the guilt of having borne and reared a boy, and she knew that whenever her husband wanted anything in a loud voice the boy had been at it.

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house hesitated. He bit his lip and then flung out his arms wildly.

"Very well!" he shouted, "you shall hear of this! Your president shall hear of this! It is an outrage! I have offered you 50 cents. You refuse it! Keep the pigs until you are ready to take the 50 cents, but, by George, sir, if one hair of those pigs' heads is harmed I will have the law on you!"

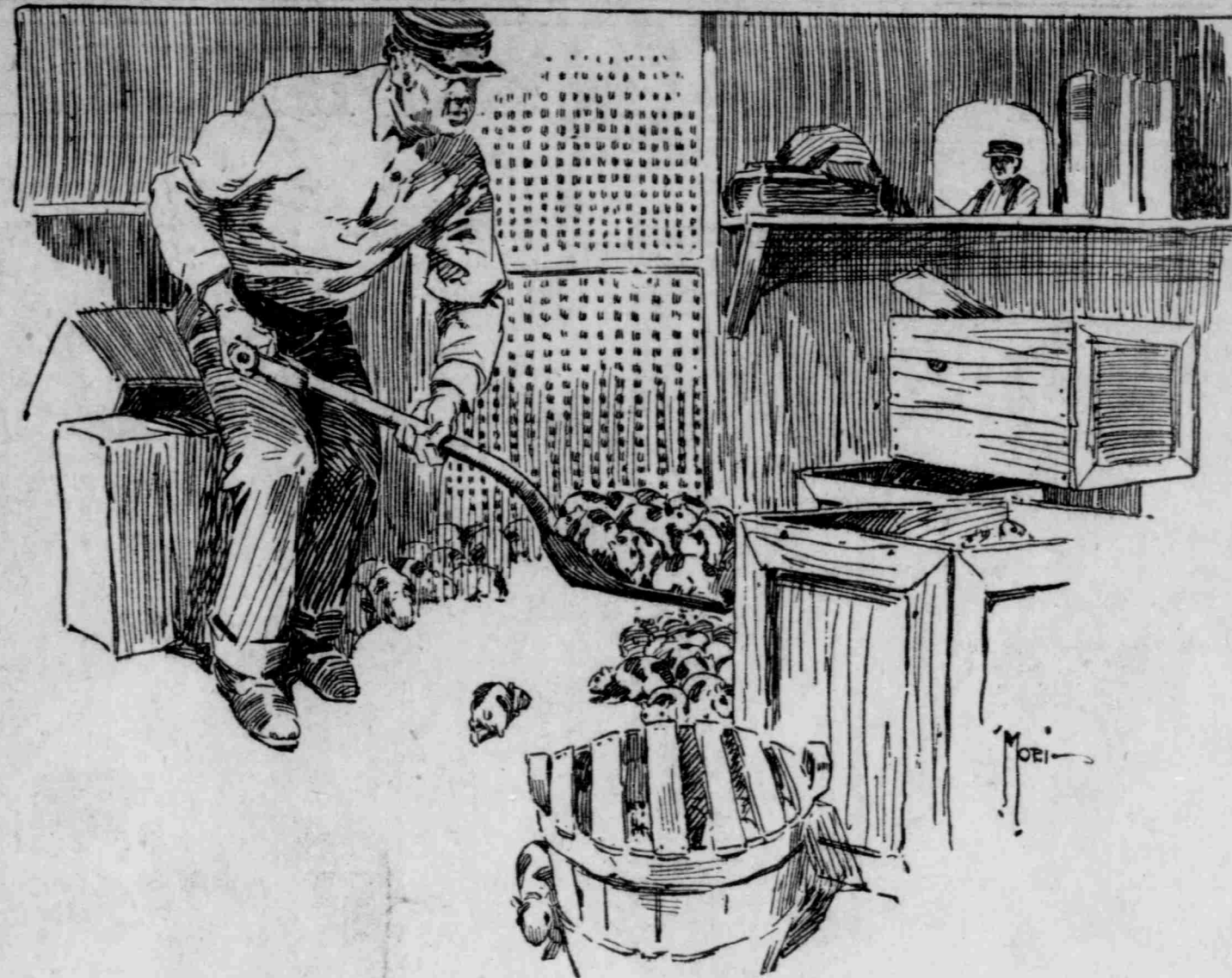
He turned and stalked out, slamming the door. Flannery carefully lifted the soap box from the counter and placed it in a corner. He was not worried. He felt the peace that comes to a faithful servant who has done his duty and done it well.

Mr. Morehouse went home raging. His boy, who had been awaiting the guinea pigs, knew better than to ask him for them. He was a normal boy and, therefore, always had a guilty conscience when his father was angry. So the boy slipped quietly around the house. There is nothing so soothing to a guilty conscience as to be out of the path of the avenger.

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Flannery Was Shoveling the Guinea Pigs into Bushel Baskets With a Coal Scoop.

house wrote rapidly, and he read the completed letter and smiled a triumphant smile.

"That will settle that crazy Irishman!" he exclaimed. "When they get that letter he will hunt another job, all right!"

A week later Mr. Morehouse received a long official envelope with the card of the Interurban Express company in the upper left corner. He tore it open eagerly and drew out a sheet of paper. At the top of the sheet, in the number A674, the letter was short. "Subject—Rate on guinea pigs," it said. "Dear Sir—We are in receipt of your letter regarding rate on guinea pigs between Franklin and Westcote, addressed to the president of this company. All claims for overcharge should be addressed to the claims department."

Mr. Morehouse wrote to the claims department. He wrote six pages of choice sarcasm, vituperation and argument, and sent them to the claims department.

A few weeks later he received a reply from the claims department. Attached to it was his last letter.

"Dear sir," said the reply. "Your letter of the 16th inst., addressed to this department, subject rate on guinea pigs from Franklin to Westcote, received. We have taken up the matter with our agent at Westcote, and his reply is attached herewith. He informs us that you refused to receive the consignment or to pay the charges. You have therefore no claim against this company, and your letter regarding the proper rate on the consignment should be addressed to our tariff department."

Mr. Morehouse wrote to the tariff department. He stated his case clearly, and gave his arguments in full, quoting a page or two from the encyclopedia to prove that guinea pigs were not common pigs.

With the care that characterizes corporations when they are systematically conducted, Mr. Morehouse's letter was

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SPECIAL SILK SALES.

85c Peau de Cygnes, Handsome Shades, Excellent Grade

IN THIS SPECIAL SILK SALE, WE OFFER ONE OF THE BEST GRADES OF ALL-SILK PEAU DE CYGNE IN AN EXCELLENT RANGE OF BEST COLORINGS FOR WAISTS, COSTUMES AND FANCY WORK. AT ALMOST HALF PRICE, THIS GRADE SELLS REGULARLY AT 85c PER YARD, BUT IS OFFERED FOR ONE WEEK AT THE SPECIAL SALE PRICE OF, PER YARD—

48c — 48c — 48c — 48c — 48c

75c Colored Taffetas, All Colors, per yard

FOR ONE WEEK ONLY, WE OFFER OUR ENTIRE LINE OF 75c QUALITY PLAIN ALL-SILK COLORED TAFFETA SILKS IN AN EXCELLENT RANGE OF COLORINGS, SUITABLE FOR ALL PURPOSES, AT THE REMARKABLY LOW PRICE OF, PER YARD—

59c — 59c — 59c — 59c — 59c

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DRY GOODS STORE
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DRESS GOODS BARGAINS.

65 and 75c Wool Mixtures 39c
BIG RANGE OF NEAT SUITING MIXTURES AND SMALL CHECKS FOR SUITS, SKIRTS, CHILDREN'S WEAR, ETC., IN GOOD COLORINGS, REGULAR 65c AND 75c GOODS.

New Shipment of Blue Serges. JUST RECEIVED LARGE ASSORTMENT OF BLUE SERGES, SUITABLE FOR GYMNASIUM SUITS, SEPARATE SKIRTS, DRESSES, ETC., IN SEVERAL GRADES OF FINE ALL WOOL CLOTHS, PRICED AT, PER YARD—

65c, 75c, 85c \$1.00 and \$1.25

Special Sale of New Fall Mixtures and Plaids.

All High-Grade, Pure Wool Fabrics.

1.25 Clan plaids, 44 inches wide, per yard.....	85c
1.50 Fancy Mixtures, 56 inches wide, per yard.....	\$1.00
2.00 Automobile Suitings, 56 inches wide, per yard.....	\$1.25
2.00 Plaid Novelties, 44 inches wide, per yard.....	\$1.50

Announcement Extraordinary.

High Grade Sample Opera

Coats Half Price

This Remarkable Collection While they Last,
Actual \$50.00 Coats at

\$25.00



About 30 styles to choose from, each style distinct in itself and different from the other. We cannot begin to tell you the merits of the many styles in this lot. There are most promising models for evening wear. Long, loose, graceful effects, all evening shades of English Broadcloth and light weight kerseys, cream, tan, gray, red, white and old rose. Some gorgeously trimmed with that artistic charm which only the best artists can produce. The fact that these coats have a distinct character about them and are high class in every particular should be a great inducement to all lovers of a beautiful evening or calling wrap.

Waisting Special.

Full 3-yard patterns of excellent quality washable wool waists in good variety of stripes and fancies, worth up to \$2.00 per pattern, special this week—

\$1 For Full Three Yard Patterns

Great Values in Warm Comforts,
\$1.98

A dozen styles of beautiful figured silkolene covered comforts, filled with pure white, fluffy cotton, tufted and come in the handsome light, medium and dark colorings, handsome in appearance and warm, durable coverings, worth up to \$3.00—

Blanket Sale.

Big variety of fleeced cotton blankets, in all sizes and colorings, handsome colored borders, best staple grades manufactured, according to size they are priced at per pair—

\$3.25, \$3.75, \$4.00 \$5.00 up to \$8.50

Another Sample Line of Ladies' Coats.

\$12.50

Stylish rough and ready coats. Made of Gray Mixtures, checks and pretty broken plaids in light and dark shades. Made full and loose or in the 32-fitting styles. We feel safe to say that these coats you will not be able to duplicate in this city at the price we are offering them.

\$18.50 would be considered cheap for them.

Special Sale of Separate Skirts,
\$6.75

We have been planning on having a big sale of separate skirts and our New York buyer placed several large orders for this sale, buying every one at a great discount. There are plain Panamas in black, navy, gray and brown, as well as a large choice of woolen plaids and checks. All sizes to fit the smallest or the largest. No extra charge for alteration. You can pay \$6.50 for a skirt elsewhere and not receive a better skirt than these we offer on special sale Monday and week.

Sateen Petticoats.

Preparatory to the fall and winter season we have bought extensively in petticoats in black sateen, moreen and heather bloom, in black and white stripe and check and plain mohair and brilliantine and colored petticoats, including Mottre Velour.

These serviceable petticoats are all made upon perfectly fitting lines, with flat felled seams and full flounces, invariably having the dust ruffle underlay.

TWO SPECIAL VALUES.
Black lustre sateen in variety fancy trimmed flounced styles, with extra flare at the bottom. A full neat, black petticoat, values up to \$2.75. Choice of 8 or 10 styles—

\$1.98

Petticoats of silk Lustre Moreen, brilliantine Heatherbloom and fine Mercerized sateen, made with extra double flounces, tucked, striped and strap trimmed. Very effective. About 10 styles in this lot to choose from, values up to \$3.75—

\$2.98



The Thanksgiving Sale of

LINENS

We've been months preparing for this sale, in gathering the best of imported linens, and happily we bought most advantageously; enough so that we can offer you linens of the better sort at prices lower than you often pay for cheaper grades. Consider these prices and save this list for reference when you come.

Battenberg Scarfs, Doylies, Etc.	
Size 4x4 Battenberg Doylies, each.....	10c
Size 6x6 Battenberg Doylies, each.....	12½c
Size 9x9 Battenberg Doylies, each.....	20c
Size 12x12 Battenberg Squares, each.....	35c
Size 18x18 Battenberg Squares, each.....	\$1.75
Size 24x24 Battenberg Squares, each \$2.25 and.....	\$1.25
Size 30x30 Battenberg Squares, each \$4.50 and down to.....	1.75
Size 18x54 Battenberg Scarfs, each, \$3.75 and down to.....	1.50
Japanese Drawn Work	
Size 6x8 Japanese Drawn Doylies, each 15c and.....	12½c
Size 9x9 Japanese Drawn Doylies, each 35c and.....	25c
Size 12x12 Japanese Drawn Squares from 85c down to.....	35c
Size 18x18 Japanese Drawn Squares each.....	75c
Size 24x24 Japanese Drawn Squares, each.....	85c
Size 30x30 Japanese Drawn Squares, each.....	\$1.25
Size 36x36 Japanese Drawn Squares from \$2.25 down to.....	\$1.25
Size 42x42 Japanese Drawn Squares from \$1.00 down to.....	\$2.25
Size 48x48 Japanese Drawn Squares each.....	\$3.25
Size 18x27 Japanese Drawn Tray Cloths, \$1.75 and.....	\$1.50
Size 18x36 Japanese Drawn Scarfs, each \$2.25 and.....	\$1.25
Size 18x54 Japanese Drawn Scarfs from \$1.50 down to.....	\$2.25

BIG VALUES IN LINEN SETS.

CONSISTING OF ONE CLOTH WITH ONE DOZEN NAPKINS TO MATCH.—Cloths, 2x3 yards, with one dozen 22-inch Napkins to match, in a great variety of pretty Damask, figured and floral designs, per set—

\$5.00, \$7.50, \$9.75, \$12.50

Cloths 2x2½ yards, with one dozen napkins to match, per set—

\$7.25, \$8.00, \$10.00, \$13.50

Cloths 2x3 yards, with one dozen 24-inch napkins to match, per set—

\$7.75, \$8.25, \$11.00, \$15.00

Cloths 2x3½ yards, with one dozen 24-inch napkins to match, per set—

\$12.75 and \$17.50.

Cream and Unbleached Damasks

54-inch Cream Loom Dice Damask, regular 35c grade, in this sale, per yard.....	25c
56-inch Unbleached Damask, variety of patterns, regular 40c quality, sale price, yard.....	30c
60-inch Unbleached Damask, figured or loom dice patterns, regular price 65c yard.....	50c
60-inch extra quality Damask, unbleached, special value at 75c, for this sale, cut to, per yard.....	65c
70-inch half bleached Damask, all pure linen, Irish manufacture, excellent patterns, 85c grade, cut to yard.....	75c
18-inch half bleached Scotch Table Damask, extra good wearing quality and pretty designs, \$1.00 grade, cut to yard.....	85c
70 and 72 inches wide, all pure linen Damask, exceptionally pretty patterns and excellent grade, for wear, \$1.25 grade, cut to yard.....	98c
70-inch highest grade pure linen Damask, silver bleached, rich novelty patterns, a special value at \$1.50, for this sale, per yard, only.....	\$1.19

Bleached Damasks.

54-inch bleached loom dice pattern Damask, regular 35c quality, per yard.....	25c
56-inch bleached linen Damask, floral designs, our own importation. Regular 60c grade, special per yard.....	48c
60-inch bleached Irish Table Damask, handsome range of patterns, 75c grade, cut to.....	60c
66-inch bleached all pure linen Damask, pretty designs, 85c grade, cut to.....	75c
70-inch and 72-inch bleached damask, all linen and good selection of patterns, regular \$1.25 quality, special, per yard.....	98c
24-inch Napkins to match the above, per dozen.....	\$3.25
72-inch high grade Irish Damask, full bleached and handsome in pattern. Regular price \$1.60, cut for this sale to, yard.....	1.25
24-inch Napkins to match these patterns, per dozen.....	3.75
72-inch grass bleached pure Irish Linen Damask, strictly high class patterns and fabrics, regular \$2.50 grade, cut as a special leader in this sale.....	1.50
24-inch Napkins to match above in quality and design, per dozen.....	4.25
72-inch very high class, all linen Damask, made of finest texture, everything high grade about this linen, special sale cut to.....	1.75
24-inch Napkins, same grade and quality as above, per dozen.....	5.00
72-inch highest quality, all linen Damask, celebrated Richardson Linens, made in Belfast, Ireland, of acme of linen perfection. This grade usually sells at \$2.75 per yard. Special in this sale.....	2.00
24-inch Napkins to match above, per dozen.....	\$6.00
72-inch very finest grade Table Linen manufactured, nothing superior to this at any price, both in texture and design. Regular value \$2.50 per yard. Our sale price, per yard.....	2.50
26-inch Napkins to match above grades, per dozen.....	6.95